



## Soviets to consider helping clear sea mines off Kuwait

KUWAIT (R) — The Soviet ambassador to Kuwait was quoted Saturday as saying Moscow would consider any request to help clear sea mines off the coast of the Arab emirate.

Ambassador Ernest Zverev told the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Watan that the Soviet Union, which had leased three tankers to Kuwait, reserved the right to disrupt all steps needed to protect its civilian vessels in the Gulf.

He said Kuwait had not so far approached the Kremlin for help to clear mines, which Gulf shipping sources believe have been laid by Iran to disrupt the emirate's vital oil exports.

But he added, "If Kuwait seeks any help or participation in removal of mines, the concerned authorities in our government will discuss this."

Eighteen U.S. naval experts joined the Kuwaiti crew this week to check for mines in the narrow deep-sea channel leading from the hub of the emirate's oil export operations at Ahmadi, after four tankers were booted in five weeks by mines.

The U.S. mine specialists have been charged with only search and check duties, with no responsibility for clearing operations, political sources said.

The United States does not have any anti-mine vessels in the Gulf but three Soviet minesweepers were reported heading for the area after the Soviet tanker Marshall Chukov hit a mine on May 16.

## 2 Stark officers said to face courts martial

WASHINGTON (R) — A navy board has recommended the captain of the U.S. frigate Stark and his weapons officer face courts martial for failing to defend the ship against a missile attack by an Iraqi warplane, the Washington Post said Saturday.

Thirty-seven U.S. sailors were killed and the Stark was badly damaged when two Exocet missiles from the Iraqi Mirage aircraft struck the frigate during the May 17 attack in the Gulf.

The Post, quoting what it said were authoritative sources, said Capt. Glenn Brindel, Lt. Moncrief, and the Stark's second in command, Lieutenant Commander Raymond Gajian were replaced in their posts last week and ordered home from Bahrain where the Stark is being repaired.

The Post said the board recommended non-judicial action, such as a reprimand, for Lieutenant-Commander Gajian.

Possible charges against Capt. Brindel and Lt. Moncrief listed in the report were said to include failure to warn away the Iraqi pilot when he approached the Stark, and lack of defensive action by the ship's various sophisticated weapons systems when the frigate appeared in danger of attack.

The Post also said it had learned from Pentagon sources that China has sent four Badger

world, is not dependent on Gulf oil, their long-term objective is to gain political influence at our expense."

He asked rhetorically: "Do we want the Soviet Union at some point holding hostage its oil shipments moving amid sustained Iranian attacks on shipping serving the emirate because of Kuwaiti support for its enemy Iraq?"

Mr. Zverev said the charter agreement was an economic deal. "This agreement does not contain any political privilege," he added.

### Murphy warns of Soviet expansion

Meanwhile a senior U.S. administration official, defending President Ronald Reagan's policy aimed at ending the conflict between Iraq and Iran, warned on June 25 of possible Soviet expansion in the Gulf.

Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, speaking to members of the Foreign Policy Association, said that "an expansion of Soviet influence and presence in the Gulf would be a major strategic setback, which would be difficult — if not impossible — to reverse."

Outlining details of the Reagan administration's current efforts in the Gulf, Mr. Murphy said: "We consider that since the Soviet Union, in contrast to the free

bombers and 30 Silkworm missiles to Iraq.

The U.S. administration has claimed that China has already sent 30 Silkworms to Iraq's enemy, Iran, to be installed on land bases commanding the Strait of Hormuz, at the entrance to the Gulf.

Ash Shira said two Hizbollah men who masterminded the hijack had travelled to Iran. It named them as Abdul Hadi Hamadei, brother of the detained man, and Imad Mugniyeh.

"Is there any link between the kidnapping of Glass, the trial of Hamadei and the travel of the two Hizbollah men to Tehran?" Ash Shira asked.

It said the two Hizbollah men would "give information on the Americans' hostages" who were moved to Iran and coordinate with Iran about the trial of Hamadei."

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"The embassy denies any knowledge of this report," a spokesman said. He declined to be named.

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"The idea we can isolate and ignore Syria without paying a price is naive," she said.

White House and State Department spokesmen, in separate briefings for reporters, Friday discussed the issue with apparent reluctance and in the vague terms after the story of Mr. Reagan's

overture was broken by ABC Television.

They confirmed Mr. Reagan had sent a letter to Mr. Assad proposing talks aimed at improving relations, adding Mr. Assad had already replied and that the response was "generally positive."

The United States has had no ambassador in Damascus since last October when the envoy, William Eagleton, was recalled to "express outrage" over Syria's "alleged complicity" with Nizar Hindawi, an Arab convicted by Britain of attempting to bomb an El Al airplane.

In November, Mr. Reagan imposed sanctions on Syria — a charter member since 1979 of the U.S. list of "terrorist nations" and the Soviet Union's closest ally in the Middle East — including a prohibition on high-level contacts between U.S. and Syrian officials.

White House Spokesman Marvin Fitzwater said Mr. Reagan sought the talks as part of new U.S. approaches in the Middle East and because of Syrian moves, including unspecified help in "facing terrorism."

"In a number of these areas we believe that there was enough

change in their attitude to suggest that a dialogue might be productive," he said.

He said the changes included "their involvement in Lebanon itself, their help in terrorist activities."

Mr. Fitzwater and State Department spokesman Charles Redman refused to be more specific about what changes in behaviour prompted Mr. Reagan's letter: "There have been indications of help in terrorist states," was all Mr. Fitzwater would say.

## Bonn 'has no plans' to change position

### in dealing with occupied territories

By Salameh Ne'matt  
Jordan Times staff reporter

AMMAN — The Federal Republic of Germany has no plans to change its position in dealing with the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem through its embassy here, Ambassador Herwig Bartels told the Jordan Times Saturday.

"I don't see no reason why our present position should change," Mr. Bartels said. "It is a political decision that we share with the rest of the Western World."

The ambassador was responding to a press report published in Israel last week, suggesting there had been a change in his attitude vis-a-vis keeping a traditionally low profile presence during frequent visits he makes from Amman to the occupied territories.

Unlike most Western countries, West Germany has no consulate in Jerusalem and its embassy in Tel Aviv does not handle occupied territories affairs.

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## Home news

### Panel on Palestinian refugees opens today

AMMAN (Petra) — Israel's colonisation of occupied Arab territory, and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency's (UNRWA) assistance to the Palestinian refugees will be the main topics of a conference involving Arab countries and organisations involved with the refugee problem.

The conference is scheduled to open in Amman today.

An announcement said that delegates from Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, the Arab League and the Arab League's Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ALESCO) will discuss these issues along with resolutions of earlier meetings during their week long meeting starting on Sunday.

Jordan, Lebanon and Syria are the primary countries hosting Palestinian refugees. Their meeting in Amman will be the 39th and will be devoted to subjects concerning Palestinian people inside and outside the occupied Arab lands.

The Cabinet had earlier formed Jordan's delegation to the conference. It will be led by Dr. Ahmad Qatanani, under secretary of the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs. It will also include Mr. Usama Tahboub, director of refugees affairs, Dr. Nour Dajani, director of social services, and Mr. Mousa Atef.



The delegation from the American-Arab Affairs Council, headed by former U.S. senators Mr. Charles Percy and Mr. George McGovern, meets with the Lower House of Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee on Saturday. The committee's chairman, Mr. Rezz Al Batayneh (centre), briefs the delegation on Jordan's efforts to hold an international peace conference (Petra photo)

### Jerash Festival promises to be int'l cultural extravaganza

By Najwa Najjar  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Offering tourists, archaeologists and scholars thousands of years of history all year round, the ancient Greco-Roman city of Jerash will be offering hundreds of thousands of spectators a cultural extravaganza from July 8 to 31.

Begun in 1980, the Jerash Cultural Festival has become a landmark in Jordan's cultural life. "The festival is not only Jordanian, it is an international festival held in Jordan and organised by Jordanians," said Michael Hamarneh, under secretary of the Ministry of Information.

At a press conference held at the ministry, Saturday, Mr. Hamarneh outlined the preparations made by the festival's Higher National Committee, chaired by Her Majesty Queen Noor, and explained the performances that will be staged during the three weeks of festivities.

He said that 550 performers from 17 countries have been invited to attend the sixth Jerash Festival.

Several folklore troupes from Egypt, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Iraq, Syria and Tunisia, will display an array of rich and colourful traditional dances.

Two groups from the United States will present different forms of art. The Young Strings in Action will play a joint concert with students of Jordan's National Music Conservatory. A new musical about the adventures of

Aladdin and his magic lamp will be performed by the Empire State Institute Group.

Dureid Lahham, and well-known Syrian actor, will act in a play written by Mohammad Maghout called, "Shakak Al Munam." Another Arab performer, Romeo Lahoud, will revive the memories of Lebanese nights as he sings with Salwa Otrib.

Italy and Poland will stage two shows, in which puppets, not humans, are the main attraction.

China will present traditional acrobatic acts, such as "handstands on stacked chairs," "lion dance," and "plate spinning."

On the local level, there will be close to 30 groups performing, Mr. Hamarneh said.

Four prominent folkloric groups were chosen to display Jordanian heritage. They will include the Fuhaia Music Group,

who will present Muwashahat (Andalusian) and folklore songs;

the Royal Jordanian Folklore Troupe, who will display the traditional dances, songs and costumes from various regions of the Kingdom.

### Arab children to share culture, fun

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) announced that it will organise a 10-day Arab Children's Conference in Jordan to open on July 2 under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor.

It said in a statement that programmes have been worked out for entertaining the children

between the ages of 10 and 13, and for taking them around the Kingdom to visit places of interest.

The conference includes among other activities a symposium and folk performances depicting national traditions and dances from various Arab countries represented in the 10-day affair.

### WHO conference studies ways to combat malaria

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan Saturday called for international cooperation for stemming the danger of malaria through primary health care and preventive measures to fend off the infectious disease.

Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh made the call in a speech opening a regional symposium on combating malaria organised by the World Health Organisation (WHO), in cooperation with the Health Ministry.

He said that to stem malaria a study should be made of the pesticides used in fighting the disease and techniques employed in combating malaria should be promoted.

The cost of pesticides should be reduced to enable most of the countries of the developing world to purchase sufficient quantities

### Military court sentences 2 men

AMMAN (Petra) — The military court has sentenced Abdullah Hussein Ali Mahmoud to five years imprisonment and fined him JD 2,000 for trading in hashish. The military court also sentenced Ali Abdullah Salameh Al Jawwab to six month imprisonment for embezzling public funds. The general military governor endorsed the sentences.

### Iranians attack supertankers

(Continued from page 1) Should America resort to this dangerous gamble and should there be an outbreak of war in the Persian Gulf... we shall certainly engage in confrontation and we shall certainly win."

U.S. President Ronald Reagan has pledged to maintain the free flow of shipping through the Gulf.

To reinforce this vow, Pentagon officials said the U.S. battleship Missouri — on which Japan signed its World War II surrender in 1945 — would patrol off Iran from August.

They said the Missouri and its escorts would head for the northern Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Oman, outside the Strait of Hormuz between Oman and Iran at the entrance to the Gulf.

Washington has said Iran is preparing launch sites near the strait for Chinese-built anti-ship missiles.

Shipping sources say there are seven U.S. warships in the Gulf,

as well as a carrier-led force in the Arabian Sea, backed by some British, French and Soviet naval vessels.

The Iranians say they have reinforced their Revolutionary Guards forces along the Iranian side of Gulf and will carry out suicide attacks against U.S. ships if the Americans take any military action.

Shipping executives say the Revolutionary Guards, who are believed to have carried out recent ship attacks in speedboats armed with rocket launchers and machine guns, have also mined the approaches to the Al Ahmadi port of Kuwait.

An 18-man U.S. navy team, including bomb disposal experts, is sweeping the channel using Kuwait helicopters and American sonar equipment to determine the extent of the mining hazard.

If needed, they will call on U.S.-built Saudi Arabian minesweepers to clear the shipping lanes.

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## Takes two to tango

AMERICAN and Soviet experts on the Middle East and West Asia are meeting in Geneva next week to exchange views on problems besetting this part of the world. In normal circumstances, it would have been an important encounter for the peoples of the area to look forward with hope to the superpowers moving towards tackling some of the world's toughest issues. But, the circumstances are never normal when it comes to the Middle East and the superpowers.

Washington has been trying to pour cold water on Arab hopes of a superpower accord on the proposal for an international conference by contending that there was no "constructive" Soviet behaviour to warrant Kremlin involvement in Middle East peace efforts. And, if that was not enough, Washington has also advised Israel to remain firm on its demands from Moscow before agreeing to drop its objections to a Soviet role in Arab-Israeli peace talks.

So what is there for us in the Arab World to hope for in the July 6-7 meeting in Geneva between U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy and Vladimir Polyakov, head of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's Middle East Department? Practically nothing, other than an agreement that there exists a "crisis" in the Middle East and that the Gulf war should be brought to an end. So, perhaps we would be wiser to concentrate on what the superpowers might do in the Iran-Iraq situation. Here, again, the best that could come out of the Geneva meeting is a Washington-Moscow agreement to advance the pending U.N. Security Council resolution on the Gulf war. But such an accord has already been reached in the corridors of the U.N. in New York, and it is clear that it is neither the U.S. nor the Soviet Union that is blocking the inclusion of a mandatory arms embargo on the two belligerents. So that leaves us with Afghanistan, Moscow has already sent strong signals that it is willing to withdraw its forces from Afghanistan and seek a political solution to the problem, provided the U.S. and its allies call off their support for the anti-government rebels there. Even on this Washington has shown no willingness to proceed along these lines and there appears to be little chance of any change of mind before the Geneva meeting.

Of course, we cannot overlook what the Soviets will have to say over the Middle East in the Geneva meeting. They can tell the Americans they are genuinely interested in assuming an active role in efforts for peace in the region and are willing to work towards it through their allies and friends in the region. But will that get them anywhere in the face of U.S. contentions that Soviet support for the Palestinian people's struggle for their legitimate rights is not "creative behaviour"?

Just how the U.S. administration defines this "creative behaviour," we do not know. But assuming that it is a Soviet neutral stand in the Arab-Israeli conflict that Washington is after, what can be said about the party that is definitely not neutral on the Palestinian problem, namely the U.S.? Should the Soviets not tell the Americans that it takes two to tango, and that the U.S. should look closer to home for any remaining credibility on the Middle East?

## ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

### Al Ra'i: King enlists Turkey's support

KING Hussein has emphasised the Jordanian-Turkish role in promoting the cause of peace in the Middle East region and establishing right and justice for its peoples. The King made his statements in Turkey where he is paying an official visit for talks with its leaders on consolidating efforts for resolving the Middle East problem and also for ending the Iran-Iraq conflict. In his address at an official banquet in Ankara King Hussein explained the Jordanian position vis-a-vis both issues and reiterated Jordan's call for the establishment of a just and durable peace that should come with the help of the international community and under United Nations auspices. This peace, the King stressed, should ensure the return of the rights and the lands of the Palestinian people and a total Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territory. On the Gulf war the King said that Iraq has responded favourably to all peace bids and expressed hope that Turkey would exert its efforts to persuade Iran to accept the call of reason and the call of peace.

### Al Dustour: Bolstering Jordanian-Turkish relations

KING Hussein has embarked on an official visit to Turkey for talks with President Kenan Evren aimed at strengthening Jordanian-Turkish relations and for consultations on the best means of ending tension and conflicts in the Middle East region. This visit is part of Jordan's relentless diplomatic efforts in Europe to mobilise support and enlist help from various nations for convening an international Middle East peace conference which is being considered by the majority of nations as the only option and practical means for achieving a just and durable peace in the Middle East region. Turkey, which has been supporting the idea of this conference, can play an important role in this respect in view of its wide ranging interest and strong historic links with the Arab World. This Islamic nation which is also bound firmly with Europe, can actually play an important role in international affairs in general and the Middle East area in particular.

### Sawt Al Shaab: Promoting bilateral relations

KING Hussein's visit to Turkey and his talks with President Kenan Evren together embody the strong historic and economic ties between Jordan and Turkey and the two countries' plans to promote them in all fields. Turkey and Jordan hold almost identical views on a host of important issues like the Middle East conflict and the Gulf war. For this reason King Hussein stressed in his address on Friday the important role which Turkey can play as a friendly nation in consolidating current efforts designed to find a just and equitable solution for the problem of the Palestinian people and an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict that would ensure total Israeli withdrawal from Arab lands occupied since 1967. This, the King said, can be done only through an international conference and under U.N. auspices. King Hussein was also careful to refer to the Gulf conflict, and he said that Turkey no doubt shares with Jordan its concern over the continuation of the war between two Islamic neighbours, and the constant sapping of their resources and power.

## Sunday's Economic Pulse

# Time for prudent financial policy

THE economic and financial policies and practices in Jordan were never taken for granted or agreed upon by consensus. There were always varying schools of thought and points of view within the official establishment and outside it. Such views vary, not only in accordance with the theoretical or ideological backgrounds, but also in response to practical interests of those concerned.

Hence, the arguments over economic policy were always and will continue to be an ongoing process.

Points of view polarised these days on whether the government should continue to expand, increase public expenditure for various purposes and sacrifice parts of its revenues as a price for incentives to encourage financial, real estate and export activities and revitalise the economy; or, that it is high time to admit that such policy did not work and should be replaced by more conservative and prudent financial policy, which puts safety and security first.

Newspapers these days are no more full of drastic economic news, developments and decisions. This however does not mean that the government has finalised its economic programmes. It implies that the whole economic policy and direction are undergoing a full scale revision and evaluation in the light of actual

results. When we did have some economic news recently, they fell under one of two categories: Those that entailed new or more spending, or those that resulted in lower revenues due to exemptions, reliefs, or instalment at the expense of the Treasury. The natural result for both categories of development is invariably the growth of deficit beyond the figures anticipated in the budget. Most new or expanded expenditures have no sufficient allocations in the budget, or no allocations at all, and most revenues which were subjected to exemptions, reductions or rescheduling were over-stated on the revenue side of the budget. So far in the year, the revenue of customs duties, income tax, and real estate fees on transactions were substantially lower than the previous year and much lower than the estimations of the budget; while most recurring expenses were in excess of estimates, or covered by advances to be accounted for in a budget supplement at a later date.

Of course no one is trying purposely to cause more financial deficit, but the government bodies are constantly under pressure to provide new services, or more services, or to forego some rights towards the tax payers in view of their difficult circumstances, and

without due care to the circumstances of the Treasury itself. Since public funds are in fact tax payers' money, it is the duty of the people to resist the generosity at the expense of the Treasury. The big financial deficit is more risky than the problems and difficulties which we try to solve by throwing money on them. In other words, the solutions causing more financial deficit are no solutions at all. They are merely a technique to substitute a problem by a bigger and more dangerous one.

Disagreement over economic policy is a welcome and healthy sign. We firmly stand behind more prudent, careful and secure approach in handling our public finances. We definitely do not want to swap problems and difficulties facing certain individuals or companies or sectors with difficulties and threats to our very security and future.

Economic and financial stability, which Jordan enjoyed, was always based on three points: Low external indebtedness, adequate foreign exchange reserves, and efficient management. Jordanians should not accept any policy that might sacrifice any of these points or, in fact, all of them.

## Grosz tipped to replace Kadar after Hungary leadership shakeup

BUDAPEST (R) — Karoly Grosz, a strong proponent of economic reform named as prime minister on June 25 in Hungary's leadership shakeup, is tipped to succeed veteran Communist Party leader Janos Kadar.

Grosz, 56, will take over his new job after three years as Communist Party chief in Budapest. A politburo member with impeccable working class credentials, he is seen by both Hungarian and Western observers as a strong candidate to replace Kadar.

Grosz joined the party in 1945 and left printing — a trade once followed by Kadar — to work as a journalist. He became a Central Committee (CC) member in 1980, joining the politburo in 1985.

Official sources say his post effectively a demotion, as the post of deputy general secretary is more important in nominal than real terms.

Judit Csehak, 46, relinquishes

the post of deputy prime minister she has held since December 1984 to become the only woman in the politburo.

A medical doctor who worked as a general practitioner, Csehak joined the Communist Party in 1967 and became a trade union activist in 1975.

She has been chairman of the state committee for youth since 1985, the year she became a member of the CC.

Officials say she mixes charm with efficiency, and that she gained the respect of government officials when bargaining as a trade unionist.

Terenc Havasi, 58, leaves the post of CC secretary in charge of economic policy which he has filled since 1978. A former deputy prime minister from 1975 to 1978, he takes over from Grosz the most important local party post as general secretary of the Budapest area.

Western observers say Havasi, a sober and scholarly man, was exhausted by his work on the economy.

Miklos Nemeth, 39, takes over from Havasi the top party economic job, entering the CC and becoming secretary in charge of economic policy in one leap.

Nemeth took over the economic department under Havasi's direction only in January. Hungarian sources describe him as very able and efficient.

Following are brief portraits of other major figures in the leadership shake-up announced June 25.

Pal Losonczi, 67, retires as president (president of the presidential council) after 20 years. He also leaves the politburo, but will remain as a member of the presidential council.

A former agricultural labourer, Losonczi joined the Communist Party in 1945 and was prominent in the cooperative movement. He became a full member of the CC in 1957 and was agriculture minister from 1960 until his appointment to the presidency in 1967.

Losonczi has suffered from ill health in recent years.

Karoly Nemeth, 64, takes over as head of state from Losonczi. He leaves the post of Communist Party deputy general secretary, a position created for him in March 1985 to relieve the burden on Kadar, 75.

Nemeth left a job in the meat industry to become a full-time party worker in 1946, and both Western diplomats and Hungarian sources regard him as a somewhat colourless party bureaucrat. One diplomat described him before the shakeup as "the Chernenko of Hungary," alluding to the late Konstantin Chernenko who served briefly as Kremlin chief until his death in 1985.

A member of the politburo,

Nemeth was a CC secretary from

## New Central American peace plan in trouble

By Alister Doyle  
Reuter

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — A new Central American peace plan designed to resolve hostilities and stressing the region's independence from the United States has run into trouble, diplomats say.

The new initiative aims for a quick accord to end the region's conflicts that so far the three meetings called to discuss it — a presidential summit and two foreign ministers' meetings — have either been postponed or called off.

While diplomats say they do not dismiss the plan, a 10-point document presented by Costa Rican President Oscar Arias in February, several described it privately as "pie-in-the-sky" diplomacy.

The countries in the region have all formally welcomed the Arias plan, the first worked out by a Central American nation, but most have serious doubts over its feasibility and over how it would enforce an enduring peace, diplomats said.

On June 24, Honduras called off a two-day foreign ministers' meeting, due to have started discussing the plan on June 25 at a Caribbean resort in north Honduras. It blamed a lack of will by some Central American nations to discuss the plan.

Lack of good will among the Central American nations, personality clashes among their leaders and the barely veiled opposition of the United States are also stacked against Arias' chances of success, they added.

The Arias plan is in serious trouble even before it has got going," one diplomat said.

The plan calls for ceasefires in the region's three guerrilla wars, democratic elections, an end to foreign support for insurgents such as the U.S.-backed right-wing Nicaraguan rebels and withdrawal of foreign advisers from the region.

Although the plan does not mention any country by name, analysts said a main thrust is to encourage political pluralism in Nicaragua by eliminating the military threat to Managua.

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After the talks were put off, Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega announced in Panama City he had dropped his previous insistence that a summit, originally set for June 25 in Guatemala, should go ahead.

With Nicaragua's decision, the Central American nations have all agreed to put off the summit until August 6-7.

While other peace initiatives for Central America have weathered delays, the Arias plan aims for a quick agreement, partly due to uncertainty over future U.S. policy for the region, diplomats said.

The U.S. allies — El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica and Guatemala — want to prove their independence from Washington before they face a possible sharp change in U.S. policy when President Reagan's term ends.

President Reagan made it clear to Arias in a meeting last week that he intended to go ahead and seek \$105 million from Congress to continue funding the contra rebels this year, a Costa Rican diplomat said.

For Nicaragua, an early accord

on the Arias plan is attractive as it would make it hard for Reagan to secure cash for the contras if Central America is seen to be moving towards peace.

Not all the Central American nations would be happy if aid to the contras was simply cut off, however. Honduras, for instance, fearing a flood of mercenaries from across the border, has urged the Arias plan be amended to force Nicaragua to negotiate with rebels.

Ortega reiterated on June 24 in Panama City that he would only speak to Reagan, whom he calls the head of the contras.

Currently the Arias plan says that the five presidents of the region will declare a ceasefire once the agreement is signed and hold talks with unarmed opposition groups. It leaves open the question of whether the military will agree, diplomats said.

They said the problem could be especially acute for El Salvador's President Jose Napoleon Duarte, who is under political pressure from the right and lacks a firm mandate to order the military to stop fighting the leftist guerrillas.

for the Bonn government to follow a neutral, pacifist line.

There are more than 400,000 foreign troops in West Germany, serving as NATO's front-line. Americans make up well over half (around 250,000), there are about 60,000 Britons on the Rhine, 50,000 French serving on the Franco-German border and a small number of Canadians, Belgians and Dutch.

"In the army they train you to shoot the man you had breakfast with. Do you think all those soldiers in World War II wanted to die and make heroes of themselves? They were all crying and screaming."

Taking parliament on the road is one of her planks. "We debate, but how many people know what we're talking about. We have to go to the people."

Unruh likens several right-wing politicians, some of her generation, to fascists and says traces of Nazism are alive in parliament.

"Look at the AIDS question. It's typical. The instinctive reaction is repressive measures and border checks," she says.

Many of the signs are common in other countries, she adds. "We've all developed systems in which brutality is carried out by the same type of men — and women for their part. The world is so proud and look what damage we do to each other."

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## Granny power takes to the streets in West Germany

By John Kampfner  
Reuter

GEILENKIRCHEN, West Germany — Sixty pensioners armed with walking sticks, placards and loudspeakers descend on a military base to demand the scrapping of nuclear missiles from West German soil.

The Grey Panthers bave arrived.

Wherever there is a disarmament rally, this group of radical old people is always present.

Trude Unruh, the group's founder and leader, says her generation after living through Nazism and World War II, has a special role to play in urging people to shun violence.

"We oldies are all guilty of Hitler. But look now. Idiots are still in power and are playing out that power," she told Reuters in an interview.

In Geilenkirchen they were given a rapturous welcome from a husload of Greens members of parliament as they staged a joint sit-in outside a base housing the Pershing 1A missiles which Chancellor Helmut Kohl says the country must keep.

Many of the Panthers were weak on their knees, one was blind, but they were all in good voice, singing, applauding speeches and waving banners.

However, the mood changed when their bus, which was follow-

ing the Greens', got lost and missed a second demonstration

## Jerash Cultural Festival programme, July 8-31

	Wed. 8/7	Thur. 9/7	Frid. 10/7	Sat. 11/7	Sund. 12/7	Mon. 13/7	Tues. 14/7	Wed. 15/7
South Theatre 7.30-8.30	Opening Local Groups	Jordanian Army Orchestra						
9-11	London City Ballet	London City Ballet	ESIPA D.S.A. Aladdin & Magic Lamp	ESIPA D.S.A. Aladdin & Magic Lamp				
9.30-11					Local Music Production Mindeel Al-Shahad Abu-Alfudul	Tunis Folk Group	Puhais Sing Group	
Sound & Light 8-9	Polish Puppet Theatre troupe	Polish Puppet Theatre troupe	Polish Puppet Theatre troupe	Polish Puppet Theatre troupe	Polish Puppet Theatre troupe	Polish Puppet Theatre troupe	Polish Puppet Theatre troupe	Polish Puppet Theatre troupe
9.30-10.30	Children's Play Amman Amin	Children's Play Amman Amin	Children's Play Amman Amin	Children's Play Amman Amin	Children's Play Amman Amin	Children's Play Amman Amin	Children's Play Amman Amin	Children's Play Amman Amin
Artemis Steps 8-10	U.S. Young Str. & Jordan N.M.C. Students	Jordan Mus. Ass. Children's Orchestra	Local Groups for music & songs	Poets & Poetry	Poets & Poetry	Poets & Poetry	Poets & Poetry	Poets & Poetry
Forum 6-7	Opening Jordan Armed Forces Band	Jordan Armed Forces Band	Jordan Armed Forces Band	Jordan Armed Forces Band	W.G. Band & Folk. Group	W.G. Band & Folk. Group	W.G. Band & Folk. Group	W.G. Band & Folk. Group
7.30-8.30		Jordanian Folk Groups	Jordanian Folk Groups				Jordanian Folk Groups	
9-11	China Acrobatic Troupe	China Acrobatic Troupe	China Acrobatic Troupe	China Acrobatic Troupe	China Acrobatic Troupe	China Acrobatic Troupe	China Acrobatic Troupe	China Acrobatic Troupe
	Thur. 16/7	Frid. 17/7	Sat. 18/7	Sund. 19/7	Mon. 20/7	Tue. 21/7	Wed. 22/7	Thur. 23/7
South Th. 7.30-8.30	Iraqi National Folk Group	Spain Modern Flamenco group		Jordan Mus. Ass. Singing group	Radio Jord. Music & Songs			
9-11		Romeo Lahoud Lebanese Nights	Romeo Lahoud Lebanese Nights			Iman Darwishi Sing. group Egypt	Iman Darwishi Sing. group Egypt	
9.30-11	Spain Modern Flamenco group	Iraqi National Folklore group		Czechoslov. Folklore Group	Czechoslov. Folklore Group			
Sound & light 8-9	Polish Puppet Theatre troupe	Polish Puppet Theatre troupe	Polish Puppet Theatre troupe	Polish Puppet Theatre troupe	Polish Puppet Theatre troupe	Polish Puppet Theatre troupe	Polish Puppet Theatre troupe	Polish Puppet Theatre troupe
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South Theatre 7.30-8.30			Syrian Sing. group ZANOBIA	Syrian Sing. group ZANOBIA				
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9.30-10.30	Childrens Play wisdom tree	childrens Play Butter fly	Royal Jordan folk. group	Local group music & Songs	R. Jordanian folk. group	R. Jordanian folk. group	Local group music & Songs	
Artemis steps 8-10	Poets & Poetry	International Youth Musical Performance	International Youth Musical Performance	Italian Puppet Show	Italian Puppet Show	Italian Puppet Show	Italian Puppet Show	
Forum 6-7	Local Folk groups	Jordan Arm. forces band	Local folk. groups	Jordan Arm. forces band	Jordan Arm. forces band	Jordan Arm. forces band	Jordan Arm. forces band	
7.30-8.30	Local mus. groups			local folk. groups	local folk. groups	local folk. groups	local folk. groups	
9-11	China Acrobatic troupe	China Acrobatic troupe	China Acrobatic troupe	China Acrobatic troupe	China Acrobatic troupe	China Acrobatic troupe	China Acrobatic troupe	

## Bald brotherhood finds new recruits in Belgium

By Mark Trevelyan

Reuter

SOIRON, Belgium — "I'd like you to wrinkle your forehead, please," says master of ceremonies Fernand Fyon.

"We'll measure the bald surface between the first wrinkle of the forehead and the first crease in the neck, and multiply that by the breadth from left to right," he adds.

Then he and 300 spectators watch closely as local hairdresser Suzy Nelis examines the first contestant with a magnifying glass — to check for any signs of cheating.

"Whips out her tape measure, and announces, to loud cheers, '24 centimetres by 15.'

This is the 10th anniversary festival of the Bald Brotherhood of Soiron, and most of the population of the small Belgian town has turned out to watch the bizarre beauty contest which serves as an initiation to the brotherhood's ranks.

Fyon, its president, a 57-year-old builder with two decades of

baldness behind him, says the organisation is a social forum which aims to help bald people shed any awkwardness they may feel about their condition.

The brotherhood is one of three such organisations in Belgium, and sends delegates each October to the town of Ciney, where they lay flowers at the grave of former mayor Joseph Lambert, founder of the National Bald Brotherhood.

There are also close links with France, which staged its national conference for the bald earlier this month in Angers, and West Germany, whose equivalent is known as the Club der Fideles Glatzkopfe (club of the jolly bald men).

International festivals for the bald take place every two years; Fyon said, the most recent being two years ago in Nancy, France.

"We're growing each year through the number of activities and festivities we organise," Fyon told Reuters on the third and final day of the Soiron celebra-

tions. "People have thrown away their wigs when they've come to us. We've helped a lot of people get rid of their complexes."

The relaxed atmosphere which the brotherhood offers can play a special role in helping people come to terms with the premature loss of hair which can result from serious accident or illness, Fyon says.

Resplendent in red and black ankle-length robes and flanked by seven other high priests of the brotherhood in similar garb, he steps forward at last to announce the competition results.

Even he, proud owner of a marble-smooth cranium, sounds a note of awe as he awards first place to a contestant with a "magnificent" 1,085 square centimetres of bald pate.

Then comes the initiation proper. A robed member of the brotherhood proffers a symbolic white billiard ball on a red cushion, and Fyon intones: "Will you put your left hand on the

shining sphere and swear never to modify your coiffure?" "We swear," they chorus as one man.

Fyon anoints the new members by pouring a small quantity of brandy from a ladle onto each man's head, rubbing it into the scalp with a handkerchief and letting them drink the rest.

Then everyone retires to the bar, to get down to the seriously business of the weekend.

"The Soiron Brotherhood meets on the first Tuesday of each month, whether there's some subject to discuss or not," bellows treasurer Jean Pirotte against a deafening background of accordian music.

"We don't talk about much, we drink," he adds.

Meanwhile Fyon, proudly surveying the tentful of merrymakers, proclaims: "Baldies of all countries, come and join us at Soiron. We've everything we need to take away your complexes and make you proud to be bald."

## Church of England questions whether Christians can be Freemasons

By Graham Heathcote

The Associated Press

LONDON — A Church of England inquiry group last week questioned whether Christians can be Freemasons and said some Christians had found Masonic rituals disturbing and "positively evil."

A report on a 16-month investigation by a seven-member panel of the Anglican state church stopped short of recommending that church members resign from Masonic lodges. But it said Christians who are Freemasons faced "clear difficulties."

Commander Michael Higham, grand secretary of English Freemasons, called the report "disappointing."

He issued a statement saying the church report amounted to an accusation of heresy. Such a charge against the movement, the statement said, "will come as a surprise to thousands of Christian Freemasons — Anglican and

non-conformists alike — who know that Freemasonry is good, and that it supports their religion without trespassing on its preserves."

The report followed similar recent moves against the international brotherhood by other British Protestant churches and the Roman Catholics. The Methodists recommended their members join Masonic lodges.

There is growing hostility in the churches to Masonic practices, which include oath-swearing on the Bible, rituals and pledges of secrecy, conducted in Masonic temples by officials wearing regalia.

Grisly 300-year-old penalties, such as beheading and tearing out tongues for divulging Masonic secrets, were removed from initiation rituals in Britain last February after complaints that they deterred new entrants.

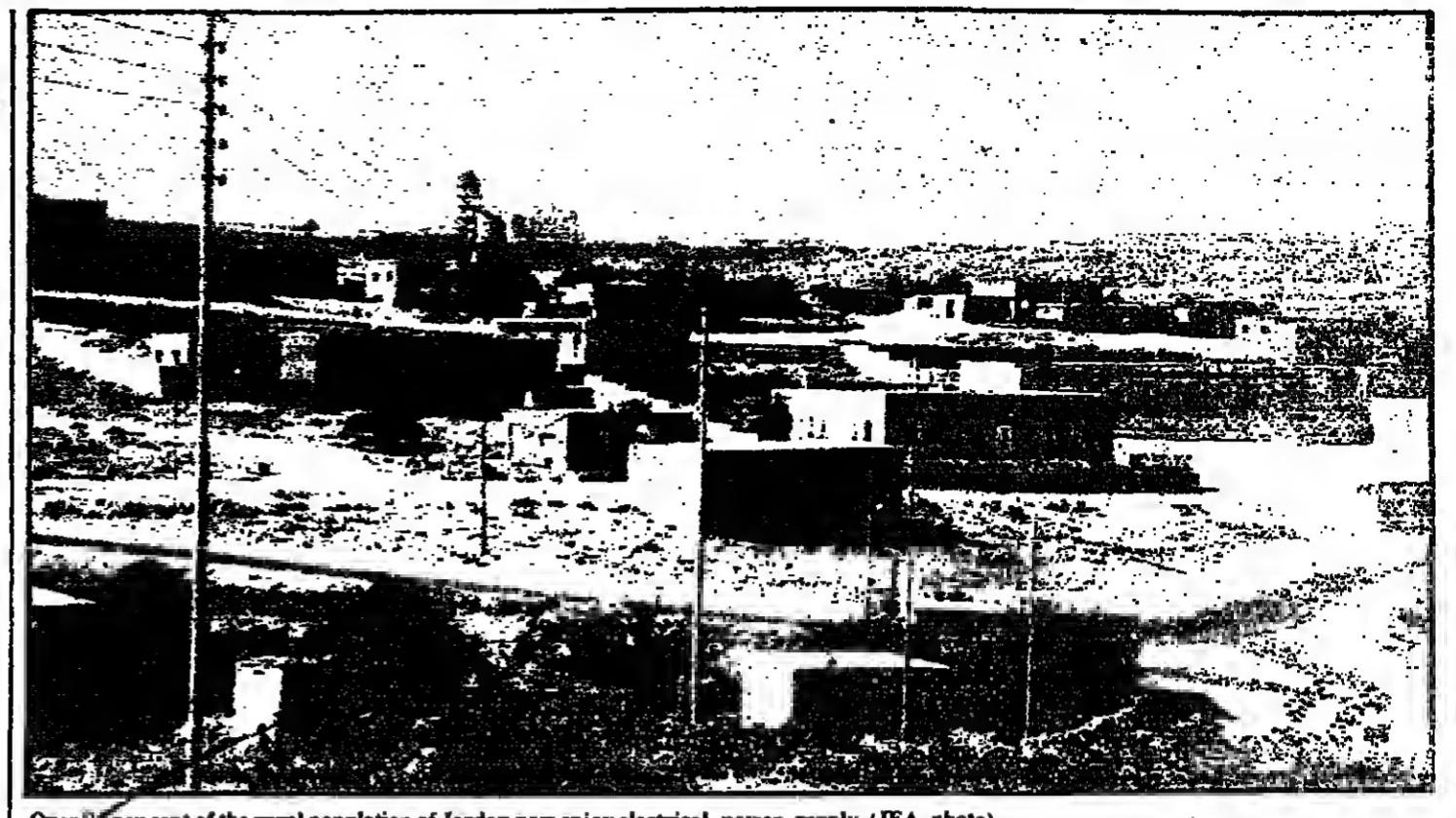
The 56-page report, "Freemasonry and Christianity: Are they

compatible?" said many of the 1.5 million active members of the church were practising Masons, some of whom had protested the 1985 decision of the church's policy-making general synod to hold an inquiry.

The panel said its five non-Mason members found a "number of very fundamental reasons to question the compatibility of Freemasons with Christianity."

"From the evidence we have received, it is clear that some Christians have found the impact of Masonic rituals disturbing and a few perceive them as positively evil," the report said. "The dramatic impact of the rituals have had a psychic effect."

It found the most serious theological objection to Freemasonry was its use of the term "Jahbulon," the name of God given to some Masonic initiates and formed from Semitic, Hebrew and Egyptian names for God. The inquiry concluded the term



Over 50 per cent of the rural population of Jordan now enjoy electrical power supply (JEA photo)

## Jordan's energy consumption drops

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

compared with about nine per cent in 1985, the report said.

The industrial sector remained to be the largest consumer of electricity produced, accounting for about 39 per cent of the total production, while the domestic sector accounted for 30.3 per cent and the commercial sector with 11.7 per cent.

Power used for water pumping accounted for 14 per cent and other sectors, including municipalities and street lighting, accounted for five per cent.

Other figures given in the report showed that the peak load in the national system was 458 MW in September 1986 registering an increase of 15.1 per cent over the figure of 398 MW in 1985.

During the time of system peak, 70 MW was provided to Syria and thus the annual maximum load including the Syrian load was 528 MW. During the off-peak periods, Syria was provided with 90 MW and the total power supplied to Syria in 1986 was 1,024 kilogrammes of oil equivalent (KGOE) in 1986 compared to 1,049 KGOE in 1985.

The report attributed this decline to the slowdown in the national economy as well as the national energy conservation policy.

According to the report, the decrease in the international prices of oil was reflected in the sharp reduction of more than 50 per cent in the total cost of imported energy. The oil imports bill constituted about 5.7 per cent of the Gross National Product (GNP) and 47 per cent of the national exports compared to 12.3 per cent and 82 per cent respectively for 1985. It meant that the total cost of energy imported in the year 1986 amounted to JD 111.32 million against JD 214 GWH compared with 16.6 GWH in 1985.

The report noted that if the planned outage per consumer was 16 hours in 1986 compared with 11 hours in 1985, the report said, but added that more than 50 per cent of it was pre-planned to facilitate repair and maintenance work. Outages caused by weather accounted for 15.9 per cent and human error was behind 14.3 per cent, while unspecified reasons accounted for 16.6 per cent.

The report noted that if the planned outage per consumer was 7.5 hours in 1986 and that this figure was relatively high when compared to those in developed countries. The level of outage in Europe is between one and four hours per consumer.

The report promised that the situation would be rectified soon in Jordan with the collective efforts of the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, the JEA, and the two main distributing companies.

The total number of JEA employees rose by 9.6 per cent to 1,509 in 1986 reflecting an increase of 13.5 per cent over 1985, according to the report.

The total number of employees in the electricity sector was 4,688 at the end of 1986.

The level of productivity per JEA employee rose to 1,509 MWh in 1986 reflecting an increase of 13.5 per cent over 1985, according to the report.

JEA is continuing work on a national training centre for technical personnel. The centre, located in Zarqa, is expected to be operational by the end of this year.

The next stage of this network will absorb six other locations and the wireless communications systems already in use by JEA personnel.

The completion of the first stage of a microwave communication network was another major JEA project in 1986. This project conveys information to a centralised computer system and provides facsimile and telephone links among various JEA facilities including the HTPS in Zarqa and ATPS. The JEA headquarters in Amman and the national control centre.

The completion of the second phase of the ATPS. Tenders have already been issued for the supply, installation and commissioning of two 130 MW steam units included in this phase, and work on the project is expected to start by the end of 1987, the report said.

A 400 KV double circuit transmission line linking the ATPS sub-station was completed in mid-1986 at a rated voltage of 132 KV which will be raised to 400 KV when the second stage of ATPS is completed.

Another major project currently under implementation is a 400/132 KV substation for Amman South.

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# Sir Harry Lewis wins Irish Derby after bomb scare delay

NEWBRIDGE, Ireland (R) — The Irish Derby, delayed 50 minutes by a bomb scare which forced police to evacuate thousands from the Curragh Grandstand, was won Saturday by British challenger Sir Harry Lewis, a determined stayer who clearly revelled in the soft going.

The big drama of the day came when police at Newbridge received an anonymous phone call warning of a bomb in the stands on Ireland's big horse racing day of the year, attended by 30,000 racegoers.

The police searched the stands and after almost an hour the racecourse commentator told the cheering crowd at the windswept course: "Nothing suspicious has been found."

Lord Hemphill, senior steward of the Irish Jockey Club, said: "It's lucky enough it all ended as

well as it did. The police wanted to avoid any form of stampede and panic and indeed they did."

The race, offering one of the poorest turnouts for a European classic this season, was almost an anti-climax with Sir Harry Lewis, ridden by Northern Ireland born jockey John Reid, beating the smallest Irish Derby field for 27 years.

Reid, jubilant after his 3/4 of a length win over fellow British challenger Naheez, said: "He relaxed just fine. He was not worried by the long wait."

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PRAGUE (R) — European champion Linford Christie of Britain beat off the challenge of his east European rivals to win the men's 100 metres on the first day of the European Cup Group A finals Saturday.

Christie was slow out of the blocks but powered past early leader Viktor Bryzgin of the Soviet Union and East German Steffen Bringmann to win in 10.23 seconds.

Bringmann was second in 10.36 and Bryzgin fell back to fourth behind Italian Pierfrancesco Pavoni.

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In the women's 100 metres, Marlies Goehr of East Germany won a record sixth successive European Cup victory, clocking 10.95 seconds to beat Anelia Nuneba of Bulgaria.

There was a record too for evergreen West German Harold Schmid who won the opening men's race, the 400 metres hurdles. It was the European champion's fifth cup win, more than any male athlete has achieved.

Schmid, who led from the first hurdle, finished in 48.67 seconds.

He beat Briton Max Robertson by more than a second.

Brazil opens cup campaign against minnows Venezuela

CORDOBA, Argentina (R) — Brazil should have little trouble overcoming Venezuela, where baseball freaks outnumber soccer fans by about 10 to one, when the two teams open play in Group B on Sunday.

Coach Carl Alberto Silva's new look Brazilian team, fresh from an encouraging European tour and reinforced by Italian champions Napoli's new signing Careca, are tipped to meet world champions and hosts Argentina in the final on July 12.

The Venezuelans, the poor boys of South American football who are due to arrive in Cordoba only 24 hours before the match,

cannot hope for more than a decent showing.

The most influence they can expect to have on the group is to be the arbiters of the Brazilians' fate if Chile, the other team in the group, should hold Brazil to a draw.

Brazil, seeded for a semifinal meeting with the winners of Group C which also opens Sunday with Paraguay facing Bolivia, are well aware of this fact.

They will be keen for some shooting practice against a side that boasts in right back Antonio Torres possibly their most effective attacker.

Torres, scorer of a brilliant goal against Argentina in the World

All eight jockeys took off their crash helmets and walked their mounts around at the start while the police combed the stands to check that the phone call was a bomb hoax.

Sir Harry Lewis, owned by New York hotelier Howard Kaske, had been fourth to Reference Point in the Epsom Derby and clearly was at ease in Saturday's going.

The 6-1 chance hit the front two furlongs out and never looked like being headed by the 10-1 shot Naheez, ridden by another Northern Ireland born jockey Ray Cochran.

Third, four lengths away, was the Vincent O'Brien trained Entitled (7-2) ridden by Cash Asmussen.

There was more drama when the Stewards held an inquiry into the closing stages where Naheez

appeared to obstruct Entitled but after studying a video of the race they allowed the placings to remain unaltered.

It was a second classic victory for Ireland for trainer Barry Hills who won the Irish Oaks here in 1974 with Dibdale.

The two big disappointments of the race were the Epsom Derby runner up Most Welcome, clearly ill at ease on the going, and the 13-8 favourite Sadjiyd, trained in France and owned by the Aga Khan. Most Welcome finished fifth with Sadjiyd further behind.

The Aga Khan's 1981 Epsom and Irish Derby winner Shergar was kidnapped from the stud adjoining the Curragh racecourse four years ago and the \$10 million champion thoroughbred has never been found.

## Stage scrubbed after race car accident

STILLWATER, Wash. (R) — The fourth stage of the Olympus Motor Rally was scrubbed Friday night after an accident here involving a car driven by American television actor Richard Dean Anderson.

Eye-witnesses said the Toyota FX16 driven by Anderson, the star of the "McGyver" show which often features high-speed car chases, rolled over four times, went off the course and was damaged beyond repair.

Neither Anderson nor a co-driver was seriously injured, race officials said.

A statement issued by the officials said, in full: "Special stage four cancelled by clerk of course after pace car number two rolled on the stage and the stage was delayed. While trying to determine the extent of injuries, both drivers had their pride injured but not their bodies."

## Soviet qualifier reaches last 16 at Wimbledon

LONDON (R) — Alexander Volkov Saturday became the first Soviet tennis player to reach the men's last 16 at Wimbledon since Alex Metreveli in 1975 when he beat 12th-seeded Brad Gilbert of the United States in four sets.

Ranked 503rd in the world, the lowest of any player still in the championships, Volkov won 7-6, 0-6, 6-3, 6-4 and has now beaten five Americans in successive matches including the qualifying tournament.

Metreveli, runner-up to Jan Kodes in 1973, reached the fourth round in 1974 and 1975, and has long been the model on which later Russian players based their all-court game.

Volkov, 20, born in Kaliningrad but now living in Moscow, began his Wimbledon run with a victory over Chilean Ricardo Acuna, a quarter-finalist as recently as 1985, in the first round of the qualifying event when he claimed a place in the main draw by beating Americans Brian Teacher and Bud Cox.

He has continued to make non-sense of the computer rankings in the tournament proper this week by adding the names of Larry Stefanki and Bill Scanlon to his record before tackling Gilbert on court seven.

The Soviet, playing in his first Grand Slam championship, showed no signs of being overawed either by his surroundings or by an opponent ranked 409 places above him, although he was suddenly assailed by nerves in the second set after winning the opening tiebreak 7-4.

Dressed in old-fashioned tennis "whites," which gave him an air of Wimbledon in the 1950s, Volkov otherwise bore an uncanny resemblance to Frenchman Henri Leconte, even down to his style of play.

His swinging left-handed serve was a constant problem for Gilbert, who also failed to come to grips with the Soviets powerful two-fisted backhand and a deceptively nonchalant forehand which was a source of a stream of flashing winners.

Volkov, who also displayed delightful touch at the net, broke Gilbert in the eighth game of the third set and crucially captured the American's serve in the seventh game of the fourth.

Serving for the match at 5-4, Volkov finished it off in the classic manner with a service winner, two crisp volleys, and a clean ace.

The Russian will now meet fifth-seeded Czechoslovak Miloslav Meier or Sweden's Anders-Jarvi for a place in the quarter-finals.

The Soviet Union enjoyed another success in the women's singles when 16-year-old Natalia Zvereva, the Russian number three, also reached the last 16 by

rarely impressive, she was not required to be.

Durie was a pale shadow of the player who carried British hopes with her when she reached the semifinals of the 1983 French Open and climbed to number five in the world.

Helena Sukova, who shattered Martina Navratilova's English grass-court victory streak at Eastbourne a week ago, had an easier time reaching Wimbledon's fourth round at the expense of Britain's Jo Durie on Saturday.

As the tournament reverberated from the shock defeat of men's champion Boris Becker by Australian Peter Doohan on Friday, the 13th women's seed, Barbara Potter, was trounced 6-0, 6-1 in a second-round match by 16-year-old fellow American Mary Joe Fernandez.

Czechoslovak Sukova, seeded

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Brazil or Argentina to win cup — Careca

CORDOBA, Argentina (R) — Brazilian soccer star Careca has said hosts Argentina and Brazil would dominate the South American Cup which opens with a Group A match between the world champions and Peru in Buenos Aires on Sunday. "I think Argentina and Brazil will be the protagonists outside this northwestern city, venue of Group B." But one must not forget Uruguay and Peru, who could cause surprises," said Careca, newly signed by Italian champions Napoli to play alongside Argentine ace Diego Maradona. Careca said that playing with Maradona at Napoli would be a great opportunity to gain full recognition at world level. The young Brazilian squad hope to mark the start of their 1990 World Cup campaign by winning the Copa America.

### Oversleeping disqualifies player

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (AP) — Sam Torrance, the 1985 winner, was disqualified Friday from the \$328,000 Monte Carlo Open when he overslept and missed his start time. The 33-year-old from Scotland was due to tee off at 8 a.m. At 7:55 Torrance's caddie realised the player was not at the course. It was then too late for Torrance to make the 25-minute drive to the Mont Agel Club. "It's never happened to me before," Torrance said. "Either the alarm didn't work or I did and I didn't hear it."

Torrance will not be fined. "We don't feel there was any malice in Sam's action and therefore a fine would be inappropriate," tournament director Andy McFee said. Torrance was 11 shots behind leader Peter Senior from Australia. He had completed 10 holes of his second round.

### Becker's beating saves bookies bundle

LONDON (AP) — Boris Becker's second-round defeat at Wimbledon Friday saved Britain's legal bookmakers a bundle of cash. A spokesman for one of the largest bookies, William Hill, said 90 per cent of the bets taken on Wimbledon had been for Becker to win the grass-court championships for a third successive year. "We're relieved to see him beaten," Graham Sharpe, the spokesman, said. He said Becker's loss saved the firm about £250,000 (\$400,000). Becker had been the odds-on favourite for the men's championship.

### Paraguay seeks to play at home

ASUNCION (R) — The Paraguayan Tennis Association (PTA) is sending a delegation to the International Tennis Federation in London in an attempt to regain the right to play Davis Cup matches at home, a spokesman has said. Tennis association sources said they thought the resignation of PTA President Alejandro Velasquez Ugarte could clear the way for the restoration of their right to host Davis Cup matches. The international federation withdrew Paraguay's right to stage home matches as part of a sanction for crowd control problems and threats against officials during its world group upset victory over the United States in March. Paraguay is scheduled to play its Davis Cup quarterfinal tie against Spain in Caracas, Venezuela, from March 24 to 26. It would have been held in Asuncion had the sanction not been imposed. The international federation is scheduled to hear the report from the three-man PTA delegation on Monday and decide whether or not it will restore the right to play at home following the match with Spain.

## Men's title chase wide open after Becker fall-out

LONDON (R) — Suddenly, with the defeat of Boris Becker, the battle for the Wimbledon men's title is a free-for-all.

Until Becker's 7-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 upset by Australian Peter Doohan Friday, the 19-year-old West German was in many eyes close to a sure thing for a third

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## Europeans accept Korean pledges on Olympics

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Officials of European National Olympic Committees (ENOC) ended a two-day meeting Friday by accepting South Korea's assurances that rioting there will not affect the staging of the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.

The conference accepted the assurances of the Seoul Committee on security and there was no call for the transfer of the games to another venue," Adrien Vandend Eede of the ENOC secretariat said.

"We're doing everything to ensure optimum security with minimum inconvenience for the athletes, officials and other participants," Okk-Jin Kim, secretary general of the Seoul Olympics Organising Committee, told the news conference.

He said political unrest in Korea will be settled before the games in August 1988 and "today" made things more even.

Late on Friday night, another of the main contenders went out. Kevin Curren, loser to Becker in the 1985 final and 16th seed this time, was defeated 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 by Johan Kriek, like Curren South African-born but now a U.S. citizen.

He trailed 5-1 and 0-40 on his own serve in the second set of

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**Economy****Ford, V.W. in Brazil fire 4,000 workers**

**SAC PAULO (AP)** — The local subsidiaries of Ford and Volkswagen on Friday fired 4,000 workers, saying new government taxes had provoked one of the worst crises in the 30-year history of Brazilian auto manufacturing.

Sales have been paralysed by what automakers say are excessive retail taxes and recent anti-inflationary austerity measures that have sharply reduced the purchasing power of most Brazilians. Inflation is currently running at more than 20 per cent a month.

Some 30,000 unsold vehicles are crowding factory yards at Ford, Volkswagen, General Motors and Fiat.

Ford spokesman, Mr. Luis Carlos Secco, said the company laid off 2,000 workers. Another 2,000 were dismissed at Volkswagen, said spokesman, Mr. Zenon Garoto Sierra.

The metalworkers union in São Bernardo Do Campo, a São Paulo suburb where Ford and Volkswagen are based, said weekend meetings were scheduled to decide how to respond to the dismissals.

Union spokesman, Mr. Paulo De Oliveira, said a strike could be "one way to protest the firings." He did not elaborate.

Ford plans to grant collective holidays to 13,000 workers for the first two weeks of July, while suspending all auto production during the period. Fiat, Volkswagen and General Motors announced similar measures.

**YOUR DAILY Horoscope**

from the Carroll Righter Institute

**FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 1987**

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** It is necessary to keep smiling despite the frustrating conditions around you. Use a creative idea to help alleviate the situation and remove doubts about your future.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Ignore worries, get out socially and really shine. Use your talents and become better known as a result.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) Restore harmony at home by figuring out what's causing the problems. Be logical and you will appreciate it.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) Constructive communications will yield positive results. Don't talk to a fellow worker as planned.

**MOON CHILDREN** (June 22 to Jul. 21) Monitor financial opportunities and get a big payoff. Keep yourself busy to avoid arguments.

**LEO** (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Decide what you want out of life and how to get it. Visit friends, but do not entertain at home in the evening.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Consult an adviser about your long-term plans. Don't waste any time today, getting behind would be a mistake.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Contact friends and organize support for yourself, but don't try to force the issue. Watch money matters carefully.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Improving position and safeguarding reputation are important today. You may be disappointed by a friend.

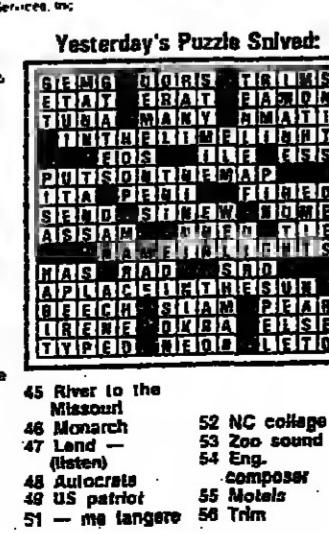
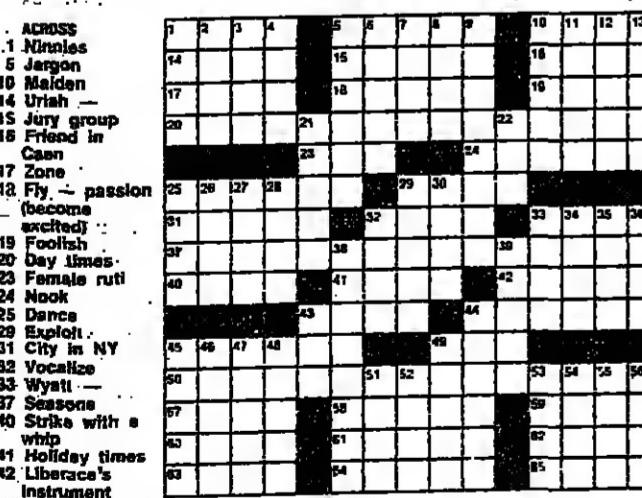
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get into a new kind of action, but don't get in over your head. Avoid strangers in the evening.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be efficient in handling your obligations if you want to progress. Steer clear of an annoying friend tonight.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Don't bother anyone important tonight, accept advice graciously, and your chances for success are great.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Brighten up those around you and everything will run smoothly. Avoid traveling to unknown places today.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY** ... he or she will have a highly active and talented imagination, so a good education will be absolutely essential. You must help your child deal with frustration and the tendency to veer from the beaten path throughout life. Early involvement with intricate creative work would help.

**THE Daily Crossword** by Frank Geary**AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET**

AMMAN (J.T.) — The following table summarises trading activities at the Amman Financial Market during the week starting Saturday, June 20, '87 and ending Wednesday, June 24, '87. (Figures in Jordaniian dinars).

Name of company	Number of shares	Volume of trade	Opening price	Closing price	Par value
Banking and financial institutions					
Industrial Development Bank	10775	13469	1.250	1.250	1.000
Petra Bank	46884	99394	2.100	2.120	1.000
Jordan Islamic Bank	1099	2241	2.050	2.030	1.000
Jordan Kuwait Bank	5695	9339	1.660	1.640	1.000
Jordan Gulf Bank	380	356	1.270	1.270	1.000
Housing Bank	10700	17655	1.650	1.650	1.000
Arab Jordan Investment Bank	600	1308	2.160	2.180	1.000
Cairo Amman Bank	1364	27227	21.550	20.000	5.000
Bank of Jordan	685	11808	17.400	16.900	5.000
Arab Bank	370	44235	118.250	120.000	10.000
Jordan National Bank	14036	35066	2.510	2.500	1.000
Jordan Finance House for Development	95437	960274	0.900	0.930	1.000
Islamic Investment House	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Investment and Finance Corporation	11250	13724	1.730	1.710	1.000
Financial and Credit Corporation	27111	20397	0.770	0.750	1.000
National Financial Investments	9732	14598	1.500	1.500	1.000
National Portfolio Securities	6228	4690	0.770	0.760	1.000
Jordan Securities Corporation	1040	926	0.900	0.890	1.000
Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan)	1000	1330	1.370	1.330	1.000
Royal Estate Financing Corporation	—	—	—	—	2.000
Al Mashreq Exchange	—	—	—	—	10.000
Insurance and reinsurance					
Jordan French Insurance	5537	30547	5.500	5.600	1.000
REFCO Life Insurance	385	539	0.880	0.880	1.000
Jordan Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Arab Life and Accident Insurance	8400	6972	0.820	0.830	1.000
Yarmouk Insurance and Reinsurance	1750	1803	1.040	1.030	1.000
Holy Land Insurance	19515	20491	1.040	1.050	1.000
Philadelphia Insurance	650	429	0.730	0.660	1.000
Arab Union International Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jerusalem Insurance	11067	15261	1.370	1.330	1.000
Jordan-Gulf Insurance	5500	4338	0.770	0.790	1.000
Universal Insurance	1000	700	0.700	0.700	1.000
General Insurance	150	207	1.380	1.380	1.000
Jordan Eagle Insurance	—	—	—	—	10.000
Middle East Insurance	—	—	—	—	10.000
Al-Izibar Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
National Ahliya Insurance	1000	1220	1.200	1.220	1.000
Arab Belgian Insurance and Reinsurance	300	300	1.350	1.000	1.000
Services and industries					
Financial Facilities and Investment Development	118942	92947	1.000	0.790	1.000
Darco for Housing and Investment	23103	12330	0.550	0.530	1.000
Jordan Estate Investment (Aqara)	459	306	0.690	0.660	1.000
Jordan Leasing Corporation	5306	743	0.640	0.640	1.000
Petra Enterprises and Leasing Equipments	2000	740	0.880	0.870	1.000
Equipment Leasing & Maintenance/Ta'jeero	2783	4232	1.530	1.520	1.000
Jordanian Electric Power	—	—	—	—	1.000
Irbid District Electricity	—	—	—	—	1.000
Arab International Hotels	—	—	—	—	1.000
Hotels and Tourism	—	—	—	—	1.000
Garage Owners Federation Office	1250	1075	0.860	0.860	1.000
Jordan National Shipping Lines	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Press Foundation	600	1680	2.750	2.800	1.000
Jordan Press and Publishing	5400	2350	0.450	0.430	1.000
Jordan Dairy	5641	6592	1.180	1.170	1.000
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing	16236	31840	2.040	1.950	1.000
Intermediate Petrochemical Industries	50420	51993	1.060	1.040	1.000
Jordan Phosphate Mines	21255	48045	1.920	2.420	1.000
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural (Iota)	1325	1870	1.410	1.420	1.000
Arab Chemical Detergent Industries	2159	10794	5.110	4.980	1.000
Aladdin Industries	13400	13600	1.050	1.020	1.000
Arab Aluminum Manufacturing	357155	654355	1.900	1.840	1.000
Jordan Worsted Mills	250	1088	4.400	4.350	1.000
Jordan Ceramics	200	210	1.050	1.050	1.000
Chemical Industries	8450	9246	1.200	1.200	1.000
Jordan Industries and Match (JIMCO)	—	—	—	—	1.000
Dar Al Auda' for Development and Investment	2250	2991	1.340	1.330	1.000
National Steel Industries	20450	47399	2.360	2.340	1.000
Universal Chemical Industries	2270	2068	1.000	0.900	1.000
General Mining	108	138	1.400	1.380	1.000
Jordan Petroleum Refinery	3566	26459	7.440	7.390	5.000
Jordan Lime & Brick	16600	4503	0.290	0.270	1.000
National Industries	600	358	0.630	0.600	1.000</

## Botha eases conditions of detainees

JOHANNESBURG (R) — The South African government has eased jail conditions for thousands held in a crackdown on dissent but a leading civil rights campaigner dismissed the changes as cosmetic.

President P.W. Botha Friday repealed regulations under which some 25,000 people have been detained without trial since June 1986, replacing them with new rules which give detainees similar treatment to prisoners awaiting trial.

Max Coleman, a founder of the Detainees' Parents Support Committee, a civil rights group which monitors detentions, said he saw little substance in the changes. "Detention is like apartheid. You can't reform it, you have to abolish it," he told Reuters.

He said South Africa, under pressure at home and abroad over mass detentions, was trying to give the impression it had improved prison conditions.

Coleman estimated that some 2,000 people, a third of them aged 18 or younger, were detained at present under nation-

wide emergency rule imposed a year ago to quell black protest violence.

Detainees at some prisons have gone on hunger strike.

Under the new rules, detainees will be given compulsory medical examinations and will be able to write and receive letters, although these will be censored.

A disciplinary code, imposing strict penalties for minor offences such as whistling or swearing, was dropped. Detainees are still barred from receiving newspapers, food, radio or television sets.

Easing of detention regulations came as the black majority marked the 32nd anniversary of the adoption of the Freedom Charter, a blueprint for a non-racial South Africa.

It also coincided with the end of a 14-day protest called by anti-apartheid groups to mark the

anniversary of riots which began in the township of Soweto, near Johannesburg, on June 16, 1976. The protest has passed relatively peacefully.

The nation's biggest anti-apartheid coalition, the United Democratic Front (UDF), Friday rebuffed the government, which has taken a new conciliatory stance on negotiations with blacks.

Stoffel Van Der Merwe, the minister charged with starting talks on a new constitution, said on national television this week that he was prepared to talk to jailed leaders, possibly including black nationalist Nelson Mandela.

In a dramatic change of heart by the government, he said he would not rule out talks with people associated with the UDF.

But the UDF said in a statement Friday it would play no part in any solution to South Africa's political crisis which failed to implement the freedom charter, which calls for equal rights, free-

dom of speech, assembly and worship and common ownership of the country's mineral wealth.

It described the government's proposed National Statutory Council, a negotiating forum to include blacks, as "the latest contradiction of minority rule."

In Lusaka, Zambia, the guerrilla-backed African National Congress on Friday marked the 32nd anniversary of its "Freedom Charter" by pledging to take power in South Africa through "mass political struggle and people's war."

Outlawed in that country since 1960, the ANC reiterated its rejection of negotiations offered several times by the white-led government of President Botha.

The movement said it aimed for a "united, democratic and non-racial South Africa."

Commenting on South Africa's policy of apartheid, or racial separation, the ANC said: "It is clear that between these two visions ... there can be no coexistence."

## 2 killed during riots in India

NEW DELHI (Agencies) — Police killed two people and injured four when they fired to stop street battles Saturday in the western city of Baroda, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

One of those killed was a woman.

PTI said two warring groups, which it did not identify, were battling in "sensitive" districts of Baroda. The city has several districts where members of the Hindu majority and the Muslim minority live side-by-side.

Violence erupted suddenly Friday night and three houses were set on fire by the rampaging crowds. Police opened fire Friday night and Saturday, PTI said. It gave no further details.

Baroda, formerly capital of a wealthy princely state, is one of the main cities in Gujarat state, which has a record of Hindu-Muslim rioting.

Meanwhile suspected terrorists gunned down three people in Punjab state, including a moderate Sikh leader, the United News of India reported Saturday.

Nirmal Singh Badal, a member of Sikh Akali Dal Party, was killed by four Sikhs gunmen in his village in Hoshiarpur district Friday night, the news agency said.

Badal was also a member of the Sikh Temple Management Committee.

A priest was killed in Gurdaspur district early Saturday, the agency reported. Tarlok Dass, who had worked at the Chak Sidhuwan village Sikh shrine for 15 years, was gunned down at point blank range by five Sikh extremists.

In another shooting, a vegetable seller was killed by three militants near Tandi village Friday night, UNI reported.

Mr. Alva Castro, who resigned Monday, also had served as finance minister. The announcement Friday night by the government news agency Andina did not mention if Larco would take over that portfolio. He currently serves as head of the Senate Armed Forces Committee.

Most of the other ministers formally resigned with Mr. Alva Castro but were expected to be renamed when Mr. Garcia presents his state-of-the-nation address on July 28.

Mr. Alva Castro, who is manning to become the Aprista Party's candidate in the 1990 presidential elections, had sought to quit for several months but the

## U.N. convention against torture comes into force

GENEVA

(AP) — A United Nations convention outlawing torture and providing for international probes of abuse allegations came into force after ratification by the required 20 countries.

The treaty sets up a 10-member panel of experts to monitor compliance. The experts can demand that countries open their borders to an international investigation on the basis of "well founded" allegations of systematic torture. They can report their findings to the U.N. General Assembly.

A loophole allows governments to rule out as a justification for torture, as is acting under orders.

The document "is a crowning of the work on human rights so far," said Jan Martenson, head of the Geneva-based U.N. Centre for Human Rights, which helped draft the convention. He also directs the U.N. office in

Geneva.

The convention does not apply to past abuses, Mr. Martenson said.

The treaty sets up a 10-member

## COLUMNS 7 & 8

### 4-day-old panda dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Giant panda Ling-Ling's tiny 4-day-old cub died just before midnight Friday, said national zoo officials. The cub's squeals were last heard at about 11:41 p.m. and the mother panda put the cub down and went into an adjoining room 15 minutes later, zoo spokesman Robert Hoage said in a news release Saturday. The cub did not vocalise as it had previously done whenever it had been briefly separated from Ling-Ling. At 12:05 a.m. Ling-Ling picked up the cub, licked and cradled it, but again there was no sound and the infant appeared motionless. Zookeepers then permitted the mother panda to enter an outdoor enclosure and removed the cub at 1:43 a.m. The dead cub was a female. Officials had been monitoring the progress of the cub via closed-circuit television and had been unable to determine its sex earlier. "We feel we did just about everything we could to ensure that the mother and the cub would do as well as possible, but nature has a way to taking things into her own hands," Hoage said. Mother and cub had appeared in good health Friday and zoo officials were optimistic that the cub would indeed become the first giant panda bred in captivity in the United States.

### Perfume unclaimed for 2 years

MOSCOW (R) — French perfume, worth millions of dollars, has been stored unclaimed in a Leningrad warehouse for more than two years, a Soviet newspaper has said. The weekly Nedeliya said the two-million roubles (\$2.9 million) cargo was unloaded from the cargo ship Magnitogorsk in December 1984 but was never claimed despite the big demand for perfume in the Soviet Union. The perfume was discovered in March and Soviet lawyers were investigating the case, the newspaper said.

### Pisa tower leans a bit more

PISA, Italy (AP) — The Leaning Tower of Pisa leaned another 1.30 millimetres (.052 inches) in the last 12 months, slightly more than the previous period, two Italian professors reported. The annual measurements on the 814-year-old marble landmark were conducted in the last week by Geri Gero and Brunetto Pala, professors at the University of Pisa. They said the tilt increased slightly over the 1.28 millimetres (.051 inches) recorded from June 1985 to June 1986. The professors gave no explanation for the slight increase, but said it was not alarming. The tower, begun in 1173, started to tilt almost immediately after it was built because the ground shifted underneath. It leans around 5.1 metres off the perpendicular.

### Renoir painting sold for \$900,000

PARIS (R) — A painting by French impressionist Auguste Renoir has fetched 5.35 million francs (\$900,000) at a Paris auction. The oil painting, "Femme En Bleu Dans Le Jardin De Saint Cloud," (woman in blue in the garden at Saint Cloud) was painted in 1899. Officials at the Paris Hotel Drouot auction house declined to name the buyer.

### 'Americans losing morality, patriotism'

WASHINGTON (R) — The retiring head of the Marine Corps General P.X. Kelley has said young Americans are losing moral fibre and patriotism because of flag-burning protests, Watergate-working mothers and lack of religion in public schools. With 10 rows of colourful military ribbons on his left breast and four silver stars glistening on each dark green uniform shoulder, Gen. Kelley suggested that recent spy scandals and other events point to a moral breakdown in America. "There's a real concern ... the problem with this moral fibre deterioration, I think it could become epidemic," he told reporters at a breakfast meeting.

Kelley, 58, retires Sunday as the nation's top Marine and a member of the Pentagon Joint Chiefs of Staff. He said American children watched television and wondered as U.S. flags were burned in Washington to protest the Vietnam war, watched President Nixon resign in the Watergate scandal, and are now taught morals "by some nameless, faceless child care centre" because half of American mothers work. God, he also said, has been taken out of schools.

### Chinese discover dinosaur fossils

PEKING (R) — Chinese scientists have discovered the fossil of a previously unknown type of dinosaur which lived in inner Mongolia more than 130 million years ago, the New China News Agency has said. They have named the animal, which was 21 metres long and almost six metres tall, Qagan Nur Dinosaur after the site of a soda factory where it was found.

### Flushes substituted for blushes

TOKYO (R) — A prolonged drought is boosting sales of a device which imitates the sound of a flushing toilet — and spares Japanese women's blushes. With Tokyo facing water restrictions for the first time this decade, more offices are installing the devices to discourage excessive toilet flushing, according to a city official. The main targets are fastidious Japanese women, probably the world's most enthusiastic flushers. Each time a Japanese woman visits a public toilet, she usually flushes three times. "The first is to ensure the toilet is nice and clean, the second is to cover any embarrassing sounds and the third is to leave it clean for the next person," said one young office worker. Shiseido, Japan's largest cosmetic maker, has installed 17 of the devices in the women's toilets in its Tokyo headquarters, a spokeswoman said. "I think we reduced our flushing to one time," she said. The device, which costs about 10,000 yen (\$68) makes a flushing sound at the touch of a button, she said.

### Scientists develop AIDS treatment

TEL AVIV (R) — Two Israeli scientists have developed a chemical compound which may prolong the lives of cancer and AIDS suffering, a spokesman for Bar Ilan University has said. The substance, condemned AS101, stimulates the body to fight infection. It had been tested in Mexico on patients suffering from acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), who seemed to be doing well a year later. Professor Shmuel Salzberg said AS101 stimulates the immune system to produce lymphocytes, which resist disease. Tests on mice at Bar Ilan and in the United States also showed AS101 to be effective against cancer, he said. The scientists were awaiting permission from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to begin testing on AIDS patients in the United States, he said. The two researchers who developed the compound, Professor Michael Albeck and Professor Benjamin Fredini, were not available for comment.

### Rubber condoms help industry

UNITED NATIONS (R) — A boom in the use of condoms and gloves due to the worldwide fear of AIDS has bolstered the rubber industry, according to a senior minister from Malaysia, the world's largest producer of natural rubber. Malaysian Minister of Primary Industries Datuk Dr. Lim Keng Yaik told a news conference "the demand for latex concentrate, which gloves and condoms are made of, is at a premium" because of fear of the spread of AIDS. Many health officials have said that wearing rubber gloves and condoms may prevent or curtail the spread of AIDS, or acquire immune deficiency syndrome. Lim said AIDS was affecting mainly the natural rubber market because synthetic rubber is too expensive for condoms and gloves. "I think the price of rubber has been quite steady and bullish in a way because of this increased demand for natural rubber — as one of the factors of the AIDS scare," Lim said without citing statistics.

## GOREN BRIDGE

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SOUTH ♠ A Q 7 3 2 ♠ A 6 ♠ Q K 8 2 ♠ K 3

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